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ADWR Director Resigns

On May 16, 2001 the director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources, Rita Pearson Maguire, announced her resignation. Ms. Pearson Maguire has led the department for the last eight years. On May 25, the Governor announced that Joseph C. Smith would replace Ms. Pearson Maguire. Mr. Smith has been deputy director of ADWR since August 1994. By statute, the director of ADWR serves as the chairman of the AWBA.

Reparation and Forbearance Agreement

On May 23, 2001 there was a signing ceremony at the Capitol for the Colorado River Interim Surplus Guidelines Reparation and Forbearance Agreement. This agreement is an integral component of the interim Colorado River Surplus Guidelines developed to insure that California reduce its demand and institute intrastate programs that allow them to decrease utilization to their allocated 4.4 million acre feet. A resolution was required to allow temporary waiver of Arizona's contractual rights under the Law of the River. In the agreement, Arizona agrees to waive their right to surplus Colorado River water for 15 years. In return, MWD agrees to reduce their Colorado River water orders and insures Arizona that their use of the surpluses will not cause a shortage either during or after the 15 year period.

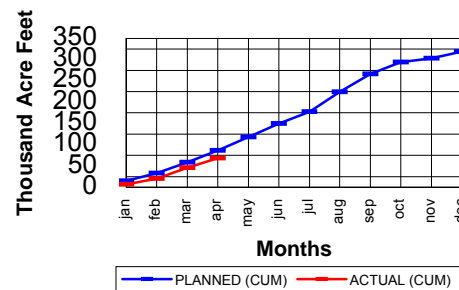
News Bits

- ▶ AWBA deliveries to GRUSP were curtailed in December 2000 and January 2001 due to a dry up to allow a decline in the groundwater level as required under an agreement between SRP and the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community. Normal deliveries resumed in February.
- ▶ On March 8, the CAWCD Board approved the preliminary water rates for 2002. Final 2002 rates will be approved in June. The water rate for AWBA is \$55 per acre foot, a \$10 increase from 2001.
- ▶ On May 24, the CAWCD broke ground on the Agua Fria Recharge Project. The AWBA plans to store almost 12,000 acre feet there in 2001.

AWBA Water Deliveries

2001 DELIVERIES (by Month)

Planned vs. Actual



March and April Water Deliveries

	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APRIL</u>
Phoenix AMA	9,787 AF	11,263 AF
Pinal AMA	10,684 AF	7,591 AF
Tucson AMA	<u>4,841 AF</u>	<u>3,672 AF</u>
	25,312 AF	22,526 AF

Total Deliveries (thru April)

68,330 AF

Water Banking Agreements Approved

On March 21, 2001 the AWBA approved the form of the **Agreement for Interstate Water Banking**, with changes that were discussed at the meeting, and authorized the chairman to sign the agreement following its signature by the Nevada parties. It is anticipated that the Nevada entities will sign the agreement in June. On April 9, 2001 the AWBA approved the agreement for water storage at the **Vidler Water Co.** facility. This facility was not included in the 2001 Annual Plan of Operation, therefore, an amendment of the plan will be required to allow storage at this facility. A meeting with the La Paz county Board of Supervisors would also be required prior to storing at this location. Copies are available upon request.

Banking Services Agreement Approved

On April 9, 2001 the AWBA approved the first water banking services agreement authorized under the 1999 amendments to the AWBA statutes. The agreement between the AWBA and the City of Goodyear allows the AWBA to loan 2,500 acre feet of credits to the city for their use in maintaining their assured water supply designation. The loaned credits must be repaid to the AWBA within 5 years through storage of CAP water within the Phoenix AMA.

Upcoming Authority Meetings

Wednesday, June 20, 2001 from 10:00-12:00 at ADWR Conference Room B.

Wednesday, September 19, 2001 from 10:00-12:00 at ADWR Conference Room B.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR, AGAIN

AWBA staff are updating the e-mail and regular mailing lists. If you've had a change in your e-mail or regular address please contact Nannette Flores or complete the mailing list form located on the web page.

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